Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of James (Jim) Duvall, and we are richer because Jim lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Jim was born May 29, 1917, in McGregor, Iowa, to James and Bessie Duvall, was raised in McIntosh, South Dakota, graduated from McIntosh High School, and attended South Dakota State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering; and,

Whereas, Jim was a chief inspector of avionics equipment, and he was a member of the United States Army Signal Corps during World War II; and,

Whereas, Jim married Betty Fornia on April 2, 1944, in Sioux City, Iowa, and to this union they were blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Jim was a field engineer with the Federal Rural Electrification Administration (REA) where he approved loans and building projects for co-ops in the upper Midwest that brought power and telephone service to rural America, and in 1976, Jim retired as a Regional Manager from REA; and,

Whereas, Jim will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather on June 1, 2017, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2017, as

JIM DUVALL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and family in wishing him a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State